Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A <u>computer implemented method</u> for comparing a first object and a second object in an object-oriented operating system comprising the steps of:

(a) determining whether the first object is equal to the second object; <u>and</u>

<u>if said objects are not equal:</u>

(b) obtaining one or more methods from said first object and said second object ~~if said objects are not equal~~;

(c) determining whether the one or more methods from said first object are equal to the one or more methods from said second object; and

(d) recursively performing steps (b) and (c) until ~~there are no more methods to decompose~~ <u>all of the methods for the first object and the second object have been obtained</u>;

<u>(e) generating a document comprising a listing of differences between the methods;</u>

<u>(f) transforming the document into a human-readable form; and</u>

<u>(g) displaying the human-readable form to a user.</u>

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~2~~ <u>1</u> wherein step (b) further comprises storing names of said methods, step (c) comprises storing indicia representing the determination whether the methods are the same and step (e) comprises generating a document from said stored names and indicia.

4. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said object-oriented ~~language~~ <u>operating system</u> comprises JAVA and step (a) comprises running an equality method on said objects.

5. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said object-oriented ~~language~~ <u>operating system</u> comprises JAVA and step (c) comprises running an equality method on said objects.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~6~~ <u>1</u> wherein human-readable form comprises XML.

8. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~6~~ <u>1</u> wherein transforming the document into human-readable form comprises transforming the document into a web page.

9. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said object-oriented ~~language~~ <u>operating system</u> comprises JAVA and step (b) comprises invoking ~~the~~ <u>a</u> get...() ~~methods~~ <u>method</u> of each object.

10. (canceled)